

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of July 14, 2005. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 14, and 19 have been amended and claims 2, 5, 17, and 20 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-16, 18, 19, and 21-28 are in the application for further examination. Claim 1, 3 and 14 are in independent form.

Filed separately herewith is a new first sheet of drawings making an amendment to Figure 1 to change the incorrectly numbered reference character "70" to - - 20 - -, as appropriate. This was pointed out by the Examiner in the first Office Action. The Examiner had also objected to the drawings for failing to show the "crossbar" set forth in claims 5 and 20. Claims 5 and 20 have now been cancelled. By amending claims 4 and 19 to recite that the scanner hook assembly has a right angular extension at the distal end of the scanner hook, both the L-shaped extension and the crossbar embodiments are generically covered. Thus, no new drawing is required.

In the first Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, 14-16 and 25 as anticipated by Gebka U.S. Patent No. 5,421,113. Similarly, the Examiner further rejected claims 11-13 and 26-28 as obvious over Gebka '113, in view of Lowry U.S. Patent No. 6,568,112. While the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection, nevertheless the rejection is now moot as a result of the amendments made herein.


Specifically, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-9 and 17-24 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. By this Amendment, claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 and, thus, independent claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 3, previously a dependent claim, has

now been amended to be placed in independent form and it, too, is in condition for allowance. Similarly, independent claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 17 and thus claim 14, as amended, is in condition for allowance. All of the remaining claims are dependent upon these allowed claims.

Thus, this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Amendment, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys so that an early Notice of Allowance may be received.

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